REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently pending in the application. No claims have been added or canceled. Claims 1-9 have each been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Abstract has been objected to because it fails to contain at least 50 words. In response, Applicant has amended the Abstract to meet the 50-word requirement. Applicant respectfully submits that the Abstract is now within the required range of 50-150 words.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, Applicant has amended claims 1-9. Claims 1-6 have been amended to clarify that recording an overall appropriateness rating comprises storing the overall appropriateness rating on a computer-readable medium. Claims 7-9 have been amended to clarify that the steps recited in the claims are performed over a computer network. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-9 are directed to statutory subject matter and respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claims 1-9 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-9 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,519,571 to Guheen et al. ("Guheen"). Guheen discloses utilizing various types of user indicia such as search requests, products purchased and returned, reasons for returning products, customers' stated profile including income, and education level, stated profession for the purpose of customizing a user interface.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of digital content received at a monitored computer under the control of a monitored user. Applicant respectfully submits that Guheen fails to teach or suggest at least three distinguishing features of claim 1, namely, providing in the client application a capture module formed of data processing executable instructions which captures at least incoming text, utilizing the capture module to capture in real time the incoming text as the monitored user accesses said digital content, and utilizing the search module and the blacklist database in order to examine all textual components of the digital content on a word-by-word basis and to develop an overall appropriateness rating for each individual piece of digital content in real time as the monitored user accesses said digital content.

The Office Action asserts that the feature of providing in the client application a capture module formed of data processing executable instructions that captures at least incoming text is

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taught by column 204, lines 22-34 of Guheen. This section recounts the flaws of traditional stock trading, which involves individual brokers simultaneously yelling trading instructions to an input clerk who attempts to discern distinctions between voices and process requests in sequence. Applicant respectfully submits that this portion of Gaheen has no applicability to the present invention, and fails to teach or suggest the capturing of incoming text as claimed in claim 1.

The Office Action also asserts that the feature of utilizing the capture module to capture in real time the incoming text as the monitored user accesses the digital content is taught by column 21 of Guheen. Guheen discloses event logging and notification, remote diagnostics, remote configuration, and monitoring tape library activity and status. Guheen, with respect to a *tape library,* does not disclose in real time capturing all incoming text as claimed in claim 1. In the present invention as claimed in claim 1, all incoming text is captured, rather than just a subset of incoming text pertaining to a particular website or web application. In various embodiments of the invention capturing all incoming text permits a complete analysis of the appropriateness of websites being viewed by a monitored user.

The Office Action additionally asserts that the feature of utilizing the search module and the blacklist database in order to examine all textual components of the digital content on a word-by-word basis and to develop an overall appropriateness rating for each individual piece of digital content in real time as the monitored user accesses the digital content is taught by Figures 69 and 70 of Guheen. The Examiner-cited portions of Guheen, however, disclose providing comparison shopping by utilizing the customer's profile to prioritize the features of a group of similar competing products. Each feature has feature keywords, and the customer profile contains feature keywords determined to be relevant to the customer. For each feature, Guheen discloses enumerating the number of matches between feature keywords and the keywords in the customer profile. Features are then disclosed to be ranked according to the enumeration totals. Guheen, as a result, only discloses a selective examination of textual components, limited to comparing feature keywords with keywords in a customer profile.

In contrast, in the invention as claimed in claim 1, all textual components of a digital component are examined. Further, Guheen does not disclose developing an overall appropriateness rating for each piece of digital content. Instead, it discloses a ranking of feature keywords. The ranking is with respect to each feature, rather than an overall appropriateness rating for a piece of digital content.

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Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the reasons set forth above claim 1 distinguishes over Guheen. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of independent claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 2 is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of digital content received at a monitored computer under the control of a monitored user. Applicant respectfully submits that Guheen fails to teach or suggest at least two distinguishing features of claim 2, namely, providing in the client application a capture module formed of data processing executable instructions which capture network traffic at a TDI layer, and utilizing the capture module to capture in real time the digital content of the network traffic at the TDI layer as the monitored user accesses the digital content.

The Office Action asserts that the feature of providing in the client application a capture module formed of data processing executable instructions which captures network traffic at a TDI layer is taught by Figure 48 of Guheen. Figure 48 discloses the topology of a network and provides no information about the client. Since no client components are disclosed, Guheen fails to disclose a capture module in the client application which captures network traffic at a TDI layer.

Additionally, for reasons similar to those given with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Guheen fails to teach or suggest the feature of utilizing the search module and the blacklist database in order to examine all textual components of the digital content on a word-by-word basis and to develop an overall appropriateness rating for each individual piece of digital content in real time as the monitored user accesses the digital content.

Applicant respectfully submits claim 2 distinguishes over Guheen. Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of claim 2 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 3 is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of internet content received at a monitored computer under the control of a monitored user. For reasons similar to those given with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Guheen fails to teach or suggest the features recited in elements (d), (e), and (g). Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of independent claim 3 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 4 is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of internet content received at a monitored computer under the control of a monitored user. For reasons similar to those given with respect to claim 2, Applicant respectfully submits that Guheen fails to teach or suggest the features recited in elements (d) and (e). For reasons similar to those

given with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Guheen fails to teach or suggest the features recited in element (g). Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of claim 4 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 5 is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of internet content received at a monitored computer under the control of a monitored user. For reasons similar to those given with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Guheen fails to teach or suggest the features recited in elements (d), (h), and (j). Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of independent claim 5 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 6 is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of digital content received at a plurality of monitored computers each under the control of a monitored user. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons given with respect to claim 1, Guheen fails to teach or suggest the features recited in element (f). Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of independent claim 6 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 7 as amended is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of digital content received at a plurality of monitored computers over a computer network, each under the control of a monitored user. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons given with respect to claim 1, Guheen fails to teach or suggest the features recited in element (f). Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of independent claim 7 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 8 as amended is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of digital content received at a plurality of monitored computers over a computer network, each under the control of a monitored user. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons given with respect to claim 1, Guheen fails to teach or suggest the features recited in element (f). Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of independent claim 8 be withdrawn.

Independent claim 9 as amended is directed to a method of monitoring the appropriateness of digital content received at a plurality of monitored computers over a computer network, each under the control of a monitored user. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons given with respect to claim 1, Guheen fails to teach or suggest the features recited in element (g). Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of independent claim 9 be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the pending

application is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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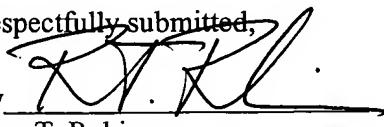
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